The Director of Registration.

298. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they are aware that the actions of the late Director of Registration (Mr. E. I. Mathew) were criticised by any member of the Sri Mulam Assembly at the 1110 Budget Session ; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any action on the same ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

Irrigation facilities in Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara taluks.

294. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any scheme for the improvement of the irrigation facilities in Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara taluks ;

(*b*) whether the Kodayar Irrigation Project is working at a gain or loss to Government ;

(*c*) whether Government had the idea to include Vilavankod and a portion of Neyyattinkara taluks within Kodayar Irrigation Project by completing the Right Bank Channel ; and

(*d*) whether any preliminary survey was conducted to complete the Right Bank Channel and the cost, if any, the Government have incurred for the same ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) None at present.

(*b*) Working at a profit.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes ; Rs. 1,27,753.

MR K. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : May I know with reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, the percentage of profit during 1110 ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : 1·1 per cent.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know from Government why the idea of including a part of Neyyattinkara and Vilavankod was abandoned ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The chief reason is inadequacy of water in the reservoir and another was the prohibitive cost.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know whether this reason *i. e.*, inadequacy of water in the reservoir was brought to the notice of Government after the completion of the project or during the work ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I think the Right Bank Channel also was included in the original scheme. Three miles of the channel were cut at much expense ; but later on it was found that there will be insufficiency of water in the reservoir.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether during the work in connection with Kodayar Project, this contingency of the reservoir not holding sufficient water to feed both the R. B. and L. B. channels was brought to the notice of Government?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know Sir. It was brought to notice in time to prevent further expenditure on the Right Bank Channel.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether a supplemental scheme for putting up a dam across the Chittar a tributary to the Kodayar, was considered by Government during the Kodayar Project work?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am prepared to accept that information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government is prepared to work up that scheme if it is found feasible?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether that scheme was submitted by an Italian Engineer?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Such a scheme is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the date on which the preliminary survey was conducted?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I think it was before 1906, since the expenditure was incurred in that year.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government accepted the scheme.

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have abandoned it.

Wages given to artisan employees.

295. ✱**MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the wages given to an adult skilled artisan employed in the P. W. or Maramath Department under daily wages system; and

(*b*) the wages given to an adult unskilled labourer employed under the daily wages system in the above departments?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In the Maramat Department the daily wages given to an adult skilled artisan range from Chs. 24 to Re. 1-7-0 each according to the nature and intricacy of the work; while in the P. W. D. it ranges from Chs. 14 to Re. 1-21-0 per day.

(*b*) The wages of an unskilled labourer in the Maramat Department is Chs. 12 per day and in the P. W. D. it is between 10 and 14 chuckrams per day.

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